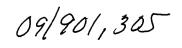


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Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121)

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	37 CFR be comp docume	he amendment document filed on $\frac{2000}{1000}$ is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of CFR 1.121, as amended on June 30, 2003 (see 68 Fed. Reg. 38611, Jun. 30, 2003). In order for the amendment document to compliant, correction of the following item(s) is required. Only the corrected section of the non-compliant amendment ocument must be resubmitted (in its entirety), e.g., the entire "Amendments to the claims" section of applicant's mendment document must be re-submitted. 37 CFR 1.121(h).			
	THE FO		NG CHECKED (X) ITEM(S) CAUSE THE AMENDMENT DOCUMENT ndments to the specification: A. Amended paragraph(s) do not include markings. B. New paragraph(s) should not be underlined. C. Other	TO BE NON-COMPLIANT:	
		2. Abstr	A. Not presented on a separate sheet. 37 CFR 1.72. B. Other		
		3. Ame	ndments to the drawings:		
4. Amendments to the claims: A. A complete listing of all of the claims is not present. B. The listing of claims does not include the text of all claims (including withdrawn claims) C. Each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier, and as such, the individual status of claim cannot be identified. D. The claims of this amendment paper have not been presented in ascending numerical order. E. Other: Claims 92, 102 and 103 Should State Corrently				as such, the individual status of each	
For further explanation of the amendment format required by 37 CFR 1.121, see MPEP Sec. 714 and the USPTO website http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/dapp/opla/preognotice/officeflyer.pdf .				. 714 and the USPTO website at	
If the non-compliant amendment is a PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT , applicant is given ONE MONTH from the mail date of this letter to supply the corrected section which complies with 37 CFR 1.121. Failure to comply with 37 CFR 1.121 will result in non-entry of the preliminary amendment and examination on the merits will commence without consideration of the proposed changes in the preliminary amendment(s). This notice is not an action under 35 U.S.C. 132, and this ONE MONTH time limit is not extendable .					
	If the non-compliant amendment is a reply to a NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION (including a submission for an RCE), and since the amendment appears to be a <i>bona fide</i> attempt to be a reply (37 CFR 1.135(c)). applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE MONTH from the mailing of this notice within which to re-submit the corrected section which complies with 37 CFR 1.121 in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD ARE AVAILABLE UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).				
If the amendment is a reply to a FINAL REJECTION , this form may be an attachment to an Advisory Action. The peresponse to a final rejection continues to run from the date set in the final rejection, and is not affected by the non-continues to the amendment.				o an Advisory Action. The period for nd is not affected by the non-compliant	
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Applicant hereby petitions that any and all extensions of the term necessary to render this response timely be granted. Costs for such extension(s) and or any other fee due with this paper, not fully covered by an enclosed check may be charged to Deposit Account #10-0100.

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT PRELIMARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Sir:

This paper is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment date mailed August 4, 2004, a copy of which is enclosed. The corrections to claims 92, 102 and 103 identifiers begin on page 2 of this paper.